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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

DOCKET NUMBER	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
9351-217	CLASS	SUBCLASS		

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This is a request for filing a continuation divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application Number PCT US02/15837, filed on 5/15/02 entitled APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF FORMING SEALS IN FUEL CELLS AND FUEL CELL STACKS, which designated the United States.

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	27 - 20 =	7	x \$ <u>18.00</u> =	\$ <u>126.00</u>
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	2 - 3 =		x \$ _____ =	
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$ _____ =	
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	+ <u>770.00</u>
				Total of above Calculations =	<u>896.00</u>
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).				
				Total =	<u>896.00</u>

1. Enclosed are the specification, claims and drawing(s).
2. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 022095. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. A check in the amount of \$ 896.00 is enclosed.
5. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
6. Application Data Sheet is enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.76.
7. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a continuation division of international application number PCT US02/15837, filed 5/15/02 (status, abandoned, pending, etc.)."

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8. A declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is enclosed.

9. Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

The certified copy is enclosed.

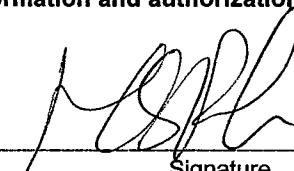
10. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

11. Also enclosed: _____

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November 12, 2003
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Assignee of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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Filed under 37 CFR 1.34(a)
 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). _____.

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required.
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